

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: February 18, 2003

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rich Untermann, Directors John Britton, Lee Moldaver, Olivia Rodriguez, and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Browning Allen, Dan Secord, George Girth (City of Santa Barbara), Grant House (COAST), Joshua Molina, Mike Eliason (Santa Barbara News-Press), Doug Large (General Counsel) Sherrie Fisher, Gilbert Calles, Steve Maas, Mark Thomsen and Brad Moyer (MTD)

1. Call to Order

Chair Untermann called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Chair Untermann noted that all directors were present.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to media of general circulation.

4. Approval of minutes

Director Moldaver moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2003. Director Britton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Cash Report and Payment of Claims

Director Britton moved to adopt the cash reports and payment of claims for the period of January 28, 2003 through February 10, 2003. Director Moldaver seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion to approve the cash reports was passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

6. Public Comment

Grant House, Vice President of Coalition of Sustainable Transportation (COAST), commented on efforts to secure a grant for two bus stop shelters and requested a letter of commitment from MTD on the project.

George Girth from Santa Barbara City Public Works Department discussed the progress of the city's MyRide program.

Retiring MTD Driver Gilbert Calles was recognized by the Board for his reliable service and 27 years with a perfect safety record.

7. Easylift Agreement

MTD Staff Member Steve Maas presented the background and an update on the efforts to complete an agreement with Easylift. Director Udd commented that it was a very good and comprehensive agreement but added a few changes that he would like to see incorporated in the document. Chair Untermann stated that the proposed changes should be included and the final approval should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

8. Conflict of Interest Code

The General Manager reported that Board had requested MTD General Counsel Doug Large to update the existing Conflict of Interest code. Mr. Large remarked that most of the changes to the document addressed: the current content of the Form 700, enhanced definitions of the terms included, and additional information regarding vendors. Director Udd stated he did not have a copy of the draft document. Chair Untermann decided to postpone voting on the issue so that Board Members could further review all documents and make an informed decision.

9. GM Report

Manager of Planning Mark Thomsen reported on MTD ridership service standards and gave a route analysis. Director Moldaver commented that it was a splendid compilation and requested that Planning produce quarterly updates for the Board. Director Rodriguez inquired about how MTD works with the Latino community when planning service changes. Mr. Gleason noted that Lynnette Coverly, Manager of Passenger and Community Relations is preparing to launch the "Get up and Go" campaign.

The General Manager reported that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) vote for MTD's Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) request was on Thursday, February 20, 2003. Director Moldaver asked all Board Members to attend the meeting and show their support for the vote.

10. Other Business

Director Udd reported from the Board Finance Committee that year to date performance was on track despite the economic slowdown. Director Udd further noted that Committee would be generating a financial forecast for the rest of the fiscal year. Director Udd noted he had contacted the University of North Carolina about getting updated information from them for possible use as a metric of performance at the MTD.

Chair Untermann noted that there would be meeting with the County Housing Authority to begin negotiations for the Calle Real project. Director Udd noted that property value targets should be met and that a financial advisor should be retained.

11. Adjournment

Director Moldaver moved to adjourn and Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.